



## “The Lord...”

January 19

**CONTEXT:** Who is God? This is a fundamental question and one that His revelation to Moses in Ex 34:6–7 answers. It stands in the Bible as one of the fullest revelations of Godself until the revelation of Jesus Christ (Jn 14:9). It echoes across the OT (Neh 9:17; Ps 86:15, 103:8; Jon 4:2; Joel 2:13 [Moses argues these back to the LORD in Num 14:18–19]). In this study these verses’ context will be considered along with “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious.”

### FIRST, A.M. SERMON RECAP (Ps 32:10)

- What is a pillar and buttress and why are they so important to architecture?
- What basic confession is the Church built upon?
- Why is it critical for the structural integrity of the building for the Church to get this right (Jn 3:14–15)?
- What type of Church, or people, ought a trust in these truths transform us to be? (1 Pet 2:5; Eph 2:22)

**READ:** Ex 34:6–7 in the context of Ex 34:1–10).

1. Even looking back into ch.33, describe what is happening in your own words.

### QUESTIONS:

2. Prior to Gen 3, who did Adam and Eve know the Lord as?
3. **After Gen 3 separated from God by sin (Ps 14), what were the basics we could know about God, Ro 1:20?**
4. How had God revealed Himself (and as who) from Genesis (Job)—Exodus?
5. *Now in God’s plan to rescue a people and bring a blessing to the world through Israel the LORD reveals Himself still further to Moses.*
6. *We’ll break down today’s passage word by word:*
  - a. (33:18) Glory: means God’s character
    - i. **(v. 20) Why do you think Moses couldn’t see God’s face?**

### b. The LORD, the LORD is

- i. *When the Bible says LORD it follows the Jewish convention of concealing God’s name, Yahweh or I AM (Ex 3:14).*
- ii. Why repeat LORD?
- iii. *Is= What the great I AM is like; who He is in His character.*

### c. God

- i. **What is the difference between God and LORD? Don’t we use them interchangeably?<sup>1</sup>**
- ii. **Though we’ll only look at two tonight, why so many characteristics, why not just one or love or truth?**

### d. Merciful (see 33:19) (pity, tender, compassionate)

- i. Summarize this in your own words.
- ii. Can you think of Biblical examples where this is shown?
- iii. Can you share a time when you have been the recipient of God’s mercy?

### e. Gracious (freeness/kindness/unmerited favour or goodness)

- i. Summarize this in your own words.
- ii. Can you think of Biblical examples where this is shown?
- iii. Can you share a time when you have been the recipient of God’s grace?

7. Is there any rhyme in the ordering?

8. **How do we come to know and experience the God of the Bible (Ps 34:8)?**

9. **What affect ought having come to know and experience God have in our lives (Ex 34:30; Zech 8:23)?**

**NEXT NEXT TIME:** Ex 34:6–7, “slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” (Jan 26- Annual Meeting)

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God stems from the Semitic language (“El”) for the divine being. It answers the what, similar to angel, human, dog. LORD is God’s name, or who He is.